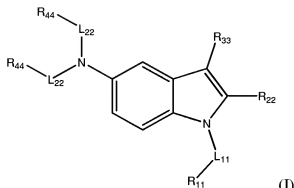


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following,

[0018] In a first embodiment the invention comprises a compound of formula (I):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

L^{11} is carbonyl, or a covalent bond when R^{11} is H;

R^{11} is H except when L^{11} is carbonyl, phenyl substituted with 1-3 R^{50} , or C₄₋₆-heteroaryl containing 1-3 heteroatoms selected from the group N, S, and O and substituted with 1-3 R^{50} ;

R^{22} is H, or C₁₋₆ alkyl, such as CH₃, t-butyl, or neo-pentyl;

R^{33} is H, CH₃ or C₁₋₃ alkyl;

each L^{22} is independently C(O), C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkylC(O) or a covalent bond;

each R^{44} is independently H, optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ heterocycloalkyl containing at least one N, O or S atom, C₃₋₇ cycloalkanone, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ monocyclic or C₇₋₁₃ bicyclic aryl, optionally substituted C₃₋₆ monocyclic or C₅₋₁₃ bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atom, or optionally substituted C₃₋₆ monocyclic or C₅₋₁₃ bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom, wherein said optional substitutions are one to four R^6 groups;

each R^{50} is independently H, halo, Cl, F, CF₃, C₁₋₃ per fluoro, C₁₋₃ perhalo, -OC₁₋₃ perhalo, NO₂, CH₃, R^7 , -OCH₃, -OR⁷, -SR⁷, -CN, -NHR⁷, -N(R⁷)₂, -CON(H)R²³CON(R⁷)₂, -R²³N(H)R⁷, -R²³N(R⁷)₂;

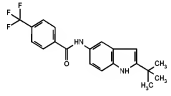
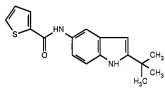
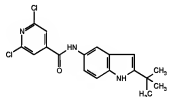
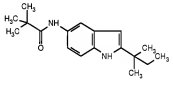
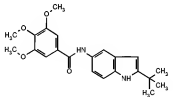
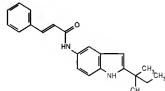
each R⁶ is independently H, halo, Cl, F, -CF₃, -NO₂, -R⁵⁰, -SR⁵⁰, -OR⁵⁰, -CN, N(R⁵⁰)₂, -C(O)R⁵⁰, -R²³C(O)R⁵⁰, -CON(R⁵⁰)₂, C₄-C₆ cycloalkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkanone, C₄₋₆ cycloalkylamine, C₃₋₆ monocyclic or C₅₋₁₃ bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atoms or a C₆-C₁₂ monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or 5 atom;

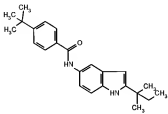
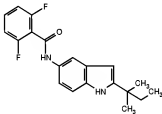
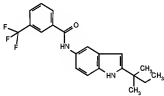
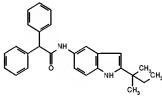
R⁷ is H, halo or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

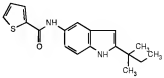
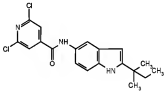
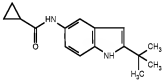
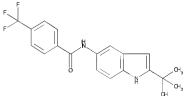
R²³ is a bond or is C₁-C₆ alkyl;

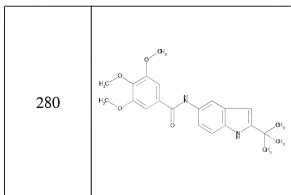
with the proviso that R²² is not CH₃ when R¹¹ is H;

with the further proviso that the compound is not:

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2. Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following,

[0019] In a preferred embodiment of the compounds of paragraph [0018], at least one L²² is carbonyl.

3. Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following,

[0020] In a preferred embodiment of the compounds of paragraph [0019], the R⁴⁴ attached to said at least one L²² carbonyl is optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ heterocycloalkyl containing at least one N, O or S atom, C₃₋₇ cycloalkanone, optionally substituted C₅₋₇ monocyclic or C₃₋₁₃ bicyclic aryl, optionally substituted C₃₋₆ monocyclic or C₅₋₁₃ bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atom, or optionally substituted C₃-C₁₃ monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom.

4. Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following,

[0030] In a preferred embodiment of the compounds of paragraph [0018], L¹¹ is carbonyl.

5. Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following,

[0032] In a preferred embodiment of the compounds of paragraph [0020], L¹¹ is carbonyl.

6. Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following,

[0043] In one embodiment of the composition according to paragraph [0042], for said compound at least one L²² is carbonyl.

7. Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following,

[0044] In a preferred embodiment of the composition according to paragraph [0043], for said compound the R⁴⁴ attached to said at least one L²² carbonyl is optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ heterocycloalkyl containing at least one N, O or S atom, C₃₋₇ cycloalkanone, optionally substituted C₅₋₇ monocyclic or C₃₋₁₃ bicyclic aryl, optionally substituted C₃₋₆ monocyclic or C₅₋₁₃ bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atom, or optionally substituted C₃-C₁₃ monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom.

8. Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following,

[0047] In a preferred embodiment of the composition according to paragraph [0044], for said compound L¹¹ is carbonyl.